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UNBRIDLED SPIRIT™

How did we get here?

- MARS - Implemented in 1999
- Long-term Partnership between the Commonwealth and AMS (CGI-AMS)
- Planned Upgrade to the Advantage Product
- Design Partners
 - From Inception
- Implementation Analysis – last year
- Development of Scope of Work



eMARS Goals and Objectives

- Upgrade the MARS Financial, Procurement and Reporting modules to the Advantage 3 modules by July 1, 2006 within the established budget
- Provide end-users with a user-friendly, web-based, integrated administrative services system
- Ensure that people and organizations are ready for change
- Consolidate the system and technology architecture
- Preserve the upgrade path to new releases by baselining most of the modifications and deploying an effective retrofit strategy for site-specific modifications
- Focus on training, knowledge transfer and integrated teams to position the Commonwealth for self-sufficiency post-implementation



Project Scope

- Completion of the “create” and “achieve” phases of the project:
 - Create:
 - Technical environment
 - System software design and testing
 - Interfaces
 - Conversions
 - Training materials and documentation
 - Reports and forms
 - Achieve:
 - Transition and change management
 - Readiness assessment and cutover
 - Go-live!



Key Dates

- Interfaces
 - 2nd Quarter – 4th Quarter 2005
- User Acceptance Test
 - 3rd Quarter – 4th Quarter 2005
- Agency Implementation
 - 1st Quarter 2006 – 2nd Quarter 2006
- Training
 - 1st Quarter 2006 - 2nd Quarter 2006
- Go Live with Requisitions, Budget, and VSS on 5/15
- Go Live with full system - **July 1, 2006**



Change!

- Progress is a nice word. But change is its motivator and change has its enemies.

Robert F. Kennedy

- Some people change when they see the light, others when they feel the heat.

Caroline Schoeder



What does this mean to the Agencies?

- Opportunity to revisit decisions made during the MARS implementation
 - Chart of Accounts
 - Approvals and Workflow
 - Security
- Procedures
- Interfaces and Reports
 - Must be adapted to the new architecture



What can you do?

- Start planning now
- Help with User Acceptance and Regression Testing
- Volunteer to assist with your agency's implementation
- Trainers and Training facilities



Some Key Improvements

- Centrally installed updates
- NO MORE SYNC'ING!
- Web Access – all you need is Internet Explorer
- Integrated package – single sign-on
 - Financial
 - Procurement



Some Key Improvements

- **Improved Search capabilities**
 - Throughout the system
 - “Wildcards”
- **Document Catalog**
 - Document History
 - Document Templates
 - Copy Forward
- **Inquiries**
 - “Drill down” capability

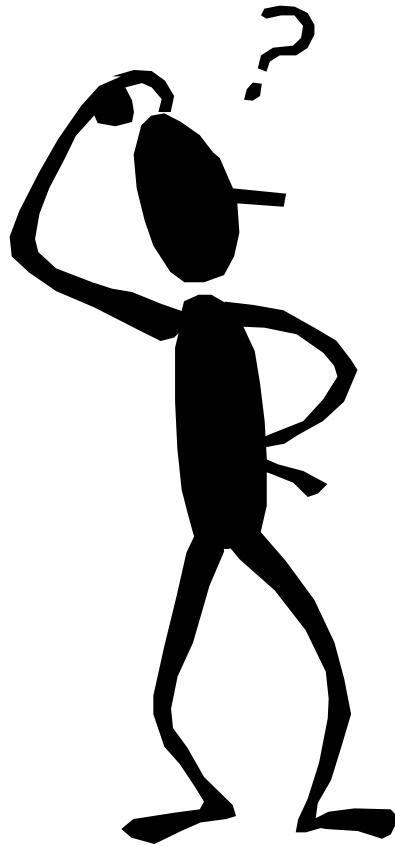


Some Key Improvements

- **Workflow and Approval**

- No more routing – rules based and controlled by Security
- Worklist provides you with an up to date “To Do” list.
- E-Mail reminders in Outlook
- Team Approvals
- Simultaneous Approvals





Questions?

Demo